

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

Please cancel Claims 17-23 without prejudice.

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:
- (a) a filter, including:
 - i) a housing;
 - ii) a filter core disposed within said filter housing consisting essentially of particles selected from the group of activated carbon particles and non-carbonaceous particles; and
 - iii) wherein said carbon particles have an interparticle spacing wherein the filter has a VRI of at least about 99.99% at a flow rate of 100 mL/min. at 1 hour at an influent concentration of 5×10^8 MS-2 bacteriophages per liter; and
 - (b) information which communicates to a user that the filter may be used to remove nano-sized pathogens from a liquid.
13. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 12, wherein said filter has a VRI of at least about 99.999% at a flow rate of 100 ml/min. at 6 hours at an influent concentration of 5×10^8 MS-2 bacteriophages per liter.
14. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 12, wherein said filter has a VRI of at least about 99.9999% at a flow rate of 100 ml/min. at 10 hours at an influent concentration of 5×10^8 MS-2 bacteriophages per liter.
15. (Original) The article of Claim 12 wherein the filter comprises activated carbon particles having inter-particle spacings that result in a bulk density of from about 0.6 to 0.8 g/cm³.
16. (Original) The article of Claim 12 wherein a mixture of activated carbon particles of different size and/or shape are utilized.

Claims 17-31 Canceled.